

SECTION ON EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT

Dewey R. Powell, Chairman
 Harry J. Wiley, Secretary
 Warren D. Horner, Vice-Chairman

To the President and the House of Delegates:

It is the intention of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Section to present a program each year of such high type that it will prove both interesting and educational. One of our aims is to bring out the latest and best that has transpired in our specialty during the year. This year's program is of that nature.

The offer of papers by the leading men of our Section has been very gratifying. We were only sorry that we could not use all that were offered, and hope to be able to use the surplus next year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Harry J. Wiley, Secretary.

SECTION ON DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILOLOGY

Nelson Paul Anderson, Chairman
 Julius R. Scholtz, Secretary
 Frederick G. Novy, Jr., Vice-Chairman

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The meeting will be highlighted by a joint session with the Section on Pediatrics, for which a program of great interest has been arranged. A symposium on "Eczema of Infancy and Early Childhood" will be presented by outstanding men in their respective fields. It is the purpose of this symposium to approach the problem from a comprehensive and practical point of view. The single session devoted to dermatologic subjects will present a number of excellent contributions of original investigative work.

Respectfully submitted,
 Julius R. Scholtz, Secretary.

SECTION ON PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY

Paul H. Guttman, Chairman
 Roy W. Hammack, Secretary
 John W. Budd, Assistant Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The program of the Section on Pathology and Bacteriology this year includes papers on pathological anatomy, clinical pathology, and cancer research. These presentations should be of interest not only to the members of the Section, but to members of other sections, particularly the Section on General Medicine and the Section on General Surgery. This year only one section meeting is scheduled.

Most of the members of the Section on Pathology and Bacteriology participate in the tumor conferences of the Cancer Commission, held the day before the opening of the meeting of the California Medical Association.

Respectfully submitted,
 Roy W. Hammack, Secretary.

SECTION ON PEDIATRICS

Hartzell H. Ray, Chairman
 W. W. Belford, Secretary
 John J. Miller, Assistant Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The pediatric program has been completed and abstracts have been forwarded.

Four papers will be given. The second meeting of the Section will be held with the Section on Dermatology. The section programs give detailed information.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. W. Belford, Secretary.

SECTION ON RADIOLOGY

Robert R. Newell, Chairman
 Carl D. Benninghoven, Secretary
 Ray A. Carter, Assistant Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Section on Radiology has tried to fit its program into the general program by drafting radiologists with scientific papers that will further the knowledge of all practitioners of medicine as well as the radiologist. In other words, fit into the convention program as the radiological consultant fits into the general practice of medicine.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carl D. Benninghoven, Secretary.

SECTION ON UROLOGY

John A. Dougherty, Chairman
 Lyle G. Craig, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Section on Urology will hold section meetings on Monday afternoon, May 6, and on Wednesday afternoon, May 8. There will be a total of twelve papers presented by members of the Section, with a wide variety of subjects of general urologic interest and importance. We feel that the program this year offers an unusual amount of material of practical interest.

The subjects are thoroughly up to date, several of the papers being based on original research or clinical work. In every instance particular attention has been given to the clinical applications, and an effort made to make the paper of real value to the urologist in practice.

All members and visitors attending the Section meetings will be invited and urged to take part in the discussions, in order that their value may be increased by a general interchange of opinion and experience.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lyle G. Craig, Secretary.

VII**REPORTS OF SECRETARIES OF COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES****ALAMEDA COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

A. A. Alexander, President
 Gertrude Moore, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the year November 1, 1938 to November 1, 1939, ten meetings were held, and two months, July and August, were vacation months. Scientific programs were given at each of the regular meetings; twenty-one scientific papers were given in all. There were ten case reports and two round-tables: one on chest lesions, with nine members participating; and one on blood dyscrasias, with three visitors participating. A motion picture was presented at one meeting.

The total membership is 608, or 69 per cent of all Alameda County physicians. Forty-seven new members were added during the period, November 1, 1938 to November 1, 1939, and fourteen were lost.

Respectfully submitted,
 Gertrude Moore, Secretary.

BUTTE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

William W. Carey, President
 J. O. Chiapella, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Our society has nine meetings a year and three months' vacation during June, July, and August.

Our membership consists of thirty-one physicians.

There are always refreshments for those who participate, and a dinner meeting from 7 to 7:30 p. m. every second Thursday, if possible.

We have had one clinical conference.

The only local problem is the inability of some groups to coöperate, but that is more or less true in every county society.

Relative to organized medicine, I would suggest a more militant attitude toward political domination, and not polite acquiescence and exploitation by political parasites.

By a unanimous vote Butte County desires to have Glenn County unite together to form one unit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Chiapella, *Secretary*.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Kaho Dally, President

Clifford E. Dietrich, Secretary

No report received.

FRESNO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Ray R. Dearborn, President

J. E. Young, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the year 1939 the Fresno County Medical Society held ten monthly meetings. During the months of July and August there were no meetings of this society. The membership of the Society during 1939 was 135, and the number of physicians and surgeons in the county during that year was 157.

The meetings are held on the first Tuesday evening of each month, usually in the University Sequoia Club, and each is preceded by a dinner meeting. The usual course of events is a short business meeting followed by a scientific meeting. The scientific meetings are usually conducted by out-of-town men who have been recognized as authorities in their respective subjects. It has been the custom in the past to have one joint meeting with the legal and dental professions, and also to have one joint meeting with the Woman's Auxiliary.

No clinical conferences were conducted by the Society during 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Young, *Secretary*.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

John N. Chain, President

Joseph S. Woolford, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Humboldt County Medical Society held nine meetings during 1939. We do not have a meeting every month, but do not have a regular vacation period. We are located in the pleasantly cool north coastal area where a vacation during the summer months is not so necessary. We are just as energetic in summer as people in other parts of the country are in winter.

During 1939 we had two full-day postgraduate conferences and clinics. Our county has only one outside railroad, but the present schedule is so arranged that persons coming to Eureka from the San Francisco Bay district can leave Sausalito at 9:30 p. m. and get here at 7:30 the next morning (unless held up by slides and washouts). The night train leaves at 7:30 o'clock. This gives our visiting teachers a chance to hold conferences and clinics at the hospitals during the day and have time to address us at a dinner meeting before the train leaves. Doctors Laurance Taussig, William Riley, and Jacob Smith favored us as teachers in such conferences during 1939.

We had two evening scientific sessions during the year. One was presided over by Dr. Mayo Soley, who discussed the newer methods of treating thyrotoxicosis. The other was addressed by Dr. Albert Rowe, on allergy. After attending the district conference at Sonoma, Doctors O. R. Myers, J. N. Chain, and J. S. Woolford explained the purpose and proposed an organization plan for the California Physicians' Service.

Several business meetings were held in which unfair industrial insurance practices, corporate medical practice and consultations with members of the so-called medical cults were extensively discussed. We voted that those members found guilty of working on cases with irregular practitioners of the so-called "healing arts" would be subject to censure as provided in our by-laws. One local lay group operating a hospital and health service somewhat similar to the defunct Pacific Health Corporation, Inc., was reported to the State Board of Medical Examiners for investigation.

We were favored in November by a visit of the officers of the State Medical Association: Dr. Charles Dukes, President; Dr. George Kress, Secretary; and Dr. Henry Rogers, District Councilor. Doctors Dukes and Kress discussed the various things being accomplished by the California Medical Association in safeguarding the health of the public and promoting the practice of better medicine. Doctor Rogers discussed the workings and progress of the California Physicians Service. Senator Irwin Quinn gave us a short talk on medical problems before the Legislature.

Practically 100 per cent of our members joined the California Physicians' Service as professional members. Twelve different groups have been addressed by local physicians in an effort to educate the public for the acceptance of the advantages offered by the California Physicians' Service. The failure of the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association to carry through with the combined hospital and medical plan has been a serious handicap to our locality. The local newspapers have coöperated in an excellent manner both in combating subversive legislation and in publicizing California Physicians' Service.

Nearly all the physicians in Humboldt and Del Norte counties belong to the Humboldt County Medical Society. Those who do not belong are either not eligible because of unethical practices or are older men who are not in active practice. We extend courtesy invitations to the latter group to attend our meetings. Our delightfully cool weather has attracted some physicians from other parts of the country who have come here to retire. These and the Government physicians from the Indian Service attend many of our clinics and meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Woolford, *Secretary*.

IMPERIAL COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Henry B. Graeser, President

William A. Clarke, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Meetings are held at the Barbara Worth Hotel, in El Centro, on the third Tuesday of each month, excepting July and August. We have twenty-seven members, with an approximate regular attendance of fifteen. The meetings are preceded by dinner, followed by the business meeting and the program. We have one or two guest speakers at each meeting who talk on subjects of interest to the general practitioner.

A clinical conference was held in 1938, but none was arranged for 1939. However, our members are interested and should like to have another conference planned for the Valley.

Local problems are numerous, but the prevalent problem at this time each year is the migratory worker and his malnourished family. The Agricultural Workers' Health and Medical Association authorizes medical care for some of these, and the doctor receives a small fee for the visits or surgery, authorized by the Association's nurse. However, to our knowledge, none has been refused needed medical attention with or without an order or fee.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Clarke, *Secretary*.

INYO-MONO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Lloyd S. Bambauer, President
C. L. Scott, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Since forming our society, meetings have been held every month in Bishop, even though members drive from ninety-five miles east and two hundred miles south—from Bridgeport to Death Valley Junction. Due to the large snowfall and the probable temporary closing of the highway, meetings were not held in December, January, and February. They begin again the end of March, and unless changed to accommodate guest speakers, will be held every fourth Wednesday at the Spot Café in Bishop. The meeting is preceded by a dinner.

There are ten eligible members, all of whom have joined the Society. The completion of the Mono tunnel may mean that we lose Doctor Zahry, who has been stationed there in the employ of the city of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power.

Officers for 1940 have been elected, and we hope for instructive and interesting meetings throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Scott, Secretary.

KERN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

C. S. Compton, President
Eric F. Colby, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

As secretary of Kern County Medical Society I wish to report to you concerning our local society's "doings" for the past year.

We had eight business and scientific meetings throughout the past year, under the able leadership of Dr. C. I. Mead, our president. We had no meetings during June, July, and August. Our December meeting always consists of a dinner dance.

On March 16, 1940, a Postgraduate Conference was held in Bakersfield. It was an all-day session, with a large attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. Colby, Secretary.

KINGS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

P. K. Edmunds, President
W. A. Johnstone, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

In Kings County nothing of special importance has occurred during the last year. The Society continues its meetings under the direction of the same officers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Johnstone, Secretary.

LASSEN-PLUMAS-MODOC COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

W. B. McKnight, President
Bernard S. Holm, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County Medical Society was relatively inactive during 1939. This inactivity was not due to lack of interest by its members, but due to distances and time involved in having meetings. Only one meeting was held, and this at Susanville. The Woman's Auxiliary joined in a dinner preceding the meeting.

Membership has continued to be good. Over 90 per cent of eligible men belong to the Society. Clinical conferences have not been held, but are certainly desired and an attempt to arrange one soon is being planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard S. Holm, Secretary.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Roy E. Thomas, President
L. A. Alesen, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The total membership of the Los Angeles County Medical Association at the end of the year 1939 was 2,708, of which number 2,546 were active, dues-paying members, the others being on leave of absence or on the retired membership list.

Ten important general meetings of the Association were held during the year.

The various committees of the Association have been kept actively engaged with pertinent problems facing the profession. The Committee on Public Policy and Relations developed a wide demand throughout the county from service clubs, women's organizations, and various other lay groups for speakers, and through the Speakers' Bureau supplied these speakers. A part of the work of the Committee on Public Policy and Relations was the presentation during the year of a series of scientific lectures at the Los Angeles City Public Library, with an average attendance of approximately four hundred at each of these lectures.

One hundred and fifty radio talks were delivered over three radio stations—KFI, KECA, and KFAC—by the Executive Secretary.

The Committee on Scientific Work and Programs is now engaged in a major public health education project. Plans are now being made for scientific exhibits to be maintained in the Lounge of the Los Angeles County Medical Association during the latter part of the summer. These exhibits will be designed to interest the people of Los Angeles County and to inform them by visual demonstration just what the profession of medicine in this county means to them.

This plan contemplates an exhibit being created by each of the specialty sections and scientific societies. To illustrate: A booth will be prepared by the Section on Internal Medicine at which an electrocardiograph will be demonstrated to show the layman one of the instruments in use to check the functioning of the heart; and various other equipment which that particular section may wish to demonstrate. Similar exhibits will be set up by the other sections and scientific societies. Each of these displays will have a representative of the Society on hand continually to explain the exhibit to the public and to answer pertinent questions relative to the practice of medicine.

In view of the fact that approximately sixty thousand persons visited the display of the Camp Transparent Woman, which was held in the Lounge of the Association several years ago, it is believed that an exhibit such as is being planned by the Los Angeles County Medical Association would create a far greater interest in that all phases of medicine would be graphically portrayed.

Displays by the California Physicians' Service, by the Public Health League and by the Los Angeles County Medical Association itself, are contemplated.

As a part of the tour of the visitors through the Lounge will be a tour through the library of the Association, which in itself would have great educational value to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Alesen, Secretary.

MARIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Harry N. Hensler, President
Carl W. Clark, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the year 1939, Marin County Medical Society held nine regular meetings, none being held in July, August, and December. During the past three years our program and business sessions have been preceded by dinner meetings, which we find very satisfactory.

Clinical conferences have not been developed, owing to our nearness to San Francisco hospital clinics.

There is only one eligible nonmember in Marin County.

A very satisfactory feeling exists in the county. We had forty-four paid-up members for 1939, and have an average attendance of twenty-five at our meetings. About ten of our members do not attend meetings, while the remainder are seldom absent without excuse.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Clark, *Secretary*.

MENDOCINO-LAKE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dallas L. Wagner, *President*

Royal Scudder, *Secretary*

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Mendocino-Lake County Medical Society held four meetings in 1939, with an average attendance of twenty. Our total membership for 1939 was twenty-nine, and there are six eligible nonmembers in these counties.

Owing to the large area from which we draw our membership, and the need which we have felt for intensive discussion, the Society has dispensed with preliminary dinners and attendance of wives of members. Refreshments are served after the meeting.

Usually some outside speaker gives us the latest on some medical or surgical procedure. A discussion follows.

The majority of the members are signed up with the California Physicians' Service, and the progress of the Service is watched with interest.

Our last meeting was held on March 23, 1940, at the Palace Hotel in Ukiah. The speaker was Doctor Blackfield, on "The Treatment and Skin Grafting of Burns."

Respectfully submitted,

Royal Scudder, *Secretary*.

MERCED COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

William E. Fountain, *President*

James A. Parker, *Secretary*

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Nine regular meetings were held during the year. Regular summer recess was taken during the months of July and August. We closed with a roster of thirty-seven members out of thirty-nine eligibles. Our regular meetings feature a dinner, with business transacted thereafter. Clinical conferences with outside help have not as yet been held. However, such activity is contemplated for the coming year, as we feel that we have adequate material at our County Hospital to make such conferences well worth while. We believe that we have no local problems of a very special interest, unless it be that we have, as a society, taken a very special interest in the staffing of our County Hospital for the past two years. Although this matter was new and troublesome to us in its beginning, it has now resolved down to a routine which is quite satisfactory to us and to the Supervisors. We have here enjoyed their full cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Parker, *Secretary*.

MONTEREY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Mast Wolfson, *President*

Arnold Manor, *Secretary*

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During 1939 the Monterey County Medical Society held ten regular meetings, there being no meetings in July and August.

Regular meetings of the Society are held alternately at the Hotel Del Monte and at the Santa Lucia Inn, Salinas, with dinner preceding the program.

Of approximately ninety-two licensed physicians in Monterey County eligible to membership in the County Society, sixty-nine are active members.

A postgraduate conference was held at the Monterey County Hospital in October, 1939. Dr. Don King of San Francisco conducted the meetings and discussed various phases of orthopedics in relation to general practice. In November, 1939, a second postgraduate conference was held under the auspices of the Bureau of Child Hygiene. The program was conducted by Dr. Clifford Sweet of Oakland. In February, 1940, a postgraduate conference was held on the general subject of "Gastro-Enterology." Drs. Fred Kruse, Eric Liljencrantz, and David Wood were in charge of this symposium.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Manor, *Secretary*.

NAPA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Frank X. McGreane, *President*

M. M. Booth, *Secretary*

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the year 1939 there were regular monthly meetings held during the entire year. Our vacation months are ordinarily July and August, but this year meetings were held every month.

The membership of the Napa County Medical Society is approximately 100 per cent of eligibles. There are a few members of the staff of the institutions who are not members. All regularly practicing physicians in the county are members of the Napa County Medical Society.

Practically all meetings are preceded by dinner, and we endeavor to have a satisfactory scientific program following the meeting. The December meeting of the Napa County Medical Society is followed by a nonscientific program. We have what might be termed a clinical conference once or twice a year when meeting at one of the institutions.

Our particular local problem at the moment which the Supervisors of Napa County have under consideration is the matter of the employment of a full-time county health officer with the resultant centralized problem. A committee, consisting of physicians, other professional people, and lay people, is investigating the question of whether such a program is needed and what the likely expense of what would be in comparison to the present outlook for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Booth, *Secretary*.

ORANGE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

John A. Wood, *President*

C. Glenn Curtis, *Secretary*

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Orange County Medical Society is pleased to report a most successful and harmonious year as of the close of January, 1940. Our membership last year, under the leadership of our most capable president, Dr. Merrill Hollingsworth, was 120. This was a slight increase over the previous year. Despite the fact that the State Board Directory shows a total of registered doctors in Orange County of 170, we feel that there are a large number of these men who are retired and who have moved to our most pleasant and healthful climate to spend their declining years, and therefore are not interested in active medical practice. Of course, there are a few other men who are undesirable.

Last year we had only one clinical conference, which was fairly well attended. In February we had our first clinical conference of 1940 in Santa Ana, which was well attended not only by our own men, but by many visitors from Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The lectures and demonstrations that were given were very practical.

This year, 1940, with the leadership of a colleague, Dr. John A. Wood of Anaheim, who is very resourceful, our membership as of the present writing is 118, and bids fair to grow and take in most of the eligible and desirable men in the county.

Already one of the innovations that Doctor Wood is making is that of having an Attendance Committee, with one member in each community, who contacts a certain group of members in his district on meeting days and reminds them of the always important Association meetings.

A discovery has also been made that if we have a dinner meeting about every third or fourth month that this tends to bring out a number of the men who are not in the habit of attending other regular meetings.

We are also proud of the fact that about 95 per cent of our membership are members of the California Physicians' Service.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Glenn Curtis, *Secretary*.

PLACER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

William M. Miller, President
Robert A. Peers, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Placer County Medical Society has no definite stated time for meetings, the members convening at the call of the President, such call depending upon the necessity for consultation by the officers with the membership upon matters of importance and also upon the availability of speakers. During the past medical year, which ran from November 1938 to November 1939, there were seven meetings. Three of these were dinner meetings.

The Placer County Medical Society, theoretically, is composed of members of the profession of Placer, Nevada, Sierra, and Eldorado counties. Practically, however, the membership is restricted to physicians of Placer, Nevada, and Sierra counties, it being more convenient for members of Eldorado to affiliate with their professional brethren at Sacramento. At the annual meeting on November 4, 1939, there were thirty-nine active members and two retired members. Since that time we have lost one member by death and have added two members.

The officers and members of the Placer County Medical Society are making every effort to include in the membership every eligible and desirable member of the profession in the three counties above mentioned. The Secretary believes that, with the exception of three physicians, all eligible and desirable members of the profession are members of the Placer County Medical Society.

To date, no clinical conferences nor postgraduate meetings have been held in our county. This failure is due not to lack of interest, but because it has not seemed practical to hold such conferences for our membership alone. As the report above indicates, we have only forty active members and they are scattered all over three large counties. Our members have felt it would be more practical to include the members of our society with those of adjacent component societies, such as Sacramento, for instance.

We believe that the Placer County Medical Society has grown up and attained full stature as a live, functioning society. During the first two decades of this century, the Society required a good deal of pampering and coddling with the administration of stimulants and oxygen therapy. At the present time the membership is active and interested, and we feel that from now on all that will be necessary is for the officers to show proper diligence.

The Placer County Medical Society sends an invitation to all officers of the California Medical Association to attend our society meetings, and also extends the same invitation to members of other county societies.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Peers, *Secretary*.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Thomas A. Card, President
W. Philip Corr, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

There were eleven meetings held during the year 1939. No meetings were held during the months of July, August, and September. Following some of the meetings, refreshments are served by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary at the home of one of the members. In January, 1939, a joint dinner meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Riverside County Medical Society, the Riverside County Medical Society, and the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held, honoring State officers, President W. W. Roblee, President-Elect Charles A. Dukes, and Councilor C. L. Emmons. Mrs. Clifford A. Wright, State President of the Woman's Auxiliary, was also a guest at this meeting. In October a special meeting was held in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Medical Society, honoring representatives in the State Legislature, Senator John Phillips and Assemblyman Nelson Dilworth. Dr. Junius Harris of Sacramento was also present at this meeting and discussed the making of laws. In December, at a special meeting, members of the Riverside County Medical Society were guests of the March Field Post Hospital staff. At the regular December meeting, members of the Society were entertained at a dinner meeting by members of the Woman's Auxiliary.

A postgraduate conference was held in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Medical Society, with Doctors William T. Grant, Edward N. Boland, Harold L. Thompson, and John B. Doyle as speakers.

We have been kept informed as to matters of legislation by Dr. W. W. Roblee as well as by talks by members of the State Legislature, as noted above.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Corr, *Secretary*.

SACRAMENTO SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT

Norris R. Jones, President
Glenn E. Millar, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement held ten regular meetings, and one special meeting during the year 1939. The meetings were held in the auditorium of the Sutter Hospital, and the attendance averaged about sixty-five at each meeting. Refreshments were served after each meeting.

The Society holds no meetings during the months of July and August. No regular meeting is held during the month of March, since the annual banquet is held on March 17 each year.

At the present time the Society has 160 active members; this constitutes about 98 per cent of the eligible physicians in this county.

No clinical conferences were held during the year 1939. The members of the Society have shown no great interest as yet in having such conferences in Sacramento County.

The only local problem of great interest during the past year was, of course, the question of California Physicians' Service. The present status of this matter is undoubtedly familiar to the members of the California Medical Association, and I feel that nothing further need be said.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. Millar, *Secretary*.

SAN BENITO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

J. M. O'Donnell, President
L. E. Smith, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The San Benito County Medical Society submits the following report for 1939. We have a membership of

seven, there being only two eligible nonmembers in the county.

Three meetings were held the past year, one of which was preceded by a dinner. One orthopedic clinic was held at the County Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
L. E. Smith, *Secretary*.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Walter S. Cherry, President
Arthur E. Varden, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The San Bernardino County Medical Society held nine meetings during the year 1939. A dinner meeting was held preceding the annual meeting the first Tuesday in October and another dinner meeting took place at Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital in the spring. At our regular meetings light refreshments are served.

We have a membership of 153, which is 98 per cent of the eligible physicians in San Bernardino County.

One postgraduate conference was held, to which we invited the members of Orange and Riverside counties to join with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur E. Varden, *Secretary*.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Joseph Weinberger, President
C. V. Bernardini, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The San Diego County Medical Society had ten general meetings and two special meetings during the calendar year of 1939. That means we meet once a month, with the exception of July and August, which are our vacation months. No meetings are held during those two months, except on special occasions or on call from the President of the Society.

The Directory of the Board of Medical Examiners for 1939, which is the latest one available, shows that there are a total of 465 doctors having a physician-surgeon license in San Diego County. However, many of these are retired from active practice or in federal service. There are 282 active members of the county medical society and we have twenty-five applicants, the majority of whom will be able to run the gauntlet of inspection and final approval. There are about twenty-five members throughout the county who could belong to the medical society, but for some reason do not. We are constantly working to bring every eligible physician into the organization.

Our monthly meetings are always preceded by a dinner at the University Club. We never have after-meeting refreshments. At one or two meetings during the year we endeavor to have a clinical conference. These clinical conferences are usually at a combined Society meeting and hospital staff meeting, where clinical material would be available. More of these could be held, I believe.

San Diego County has a problem to solve in regard to postgraduate medical education. The committee which has been handling this work during the past year has given us lectures of special interest to the general practitioner, as he is the one who really needs this postgraduate work from the State Association, but so far it has been done in a haphazard manner. Perhaps this is due to the initiation of this postgraduate method of instruction. I am certain that it will become better organized and of increasing benefit to our general practitioner. We have been trying for some time to obtain a postgraduate seminar on heart disease, and we are sure that when the curtain falls at the end of 1940 we shall have accomplished that much.

As you well know, there are two groups who are selling medical services on a monthly basis. Originally the two

groups were combined, but during the past year there has been a quarrel and now the lay members who were conducting the business end have organized under the name of California Medical Service and have imported doctors to do their work. The professional members of the organized group have, in turn, reorganized and hired a business manager and other lay personnel to compete with the California Medical Service. Both are at loggerheads and are fighting in the courts about certain accounting methods in the organized groups.

The California Physicians' Service has opened offices in the Medico-Dental Building, and many of the members now are beginning to see the fruits of the solid foundation upon which the trustees of the organization are building this service.

Respectfully submitted,
C. V. Bernardini, *Secretary*.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

William Rellly, President
L. Henry Garland, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The San Francisco County Medical Society held thirty-eight regular meetings during the year 1939, and one special meeting. It does not hold any regular meetings during June and July.

There are 1,050 members in the Society at the present time.

During the year the Board of Directors and its special Committee on Health and Hospitalization Insurance held several meetings in connection with the Municipal Employees' Health Service System. Satisfactory progress has been made in regard to the operation of this system, and if this progress continues it is believed that this particular form of voluntary health insurance can be operated with satisfaction to all concerned.

An interesting joint dinner meeting was held in conjunction with the San Francisco Bar Association and the San Francisco District Dental Society. Thanks to the skillful efforts of Mr. Hartley F. Peart, Dr. Edwin L. Bruck and Dr. L. R. Musser, the meeting was an unequivocal success. It is intended that such meetings will be held annually in the future. One immediate concrete benefit which resulted from the 1939 meeting was successful joint action in connection with a municipal license tax on professional workers.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Henry Garland, *Secretary*.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Hugh J. Bollinger, President
G. H. Rohrbacher, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The San Joaquin County Medical Society held ten regular meetings for the year of 1939, July and August being vacation months. There are 140 physicians registered in San Joaquin County. This number includes internes at the San Joaquin General Hospital and physicians at the State Hospital. Of this number, we have 114 members as of January 1, 1940. However, our county society includes some territory in the Mother Lode district. Our meetings are always preceded by a dinner meeting, at which a paper by a member of the local society is read. The regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Medico-Dental clubrooms, 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton. The regular meetings usually have a paper from some clinician, usually from the Bay area. One meeting a year is held for an organization meeting, at which we have been very fortunate in having the President and the Secretary of the California Medical Association present as well as the Councilor from this district. Refreshments

have been served at the close of each regular meeting. Our average attendance for the year of 1939 was 45.3 per cent.

Besides the regular meetings, we have a very active Postgraduate Study Group, which has functioned for three years. This committee each year has a special course of postgraduate instruction which includes lectures and operative clinics as well as medical clinics held at the San Joaquin General Hospital through the courtesy and coöperation of Dr. William Friedberger, Medical Superintendent.

We have a very active Woman's Auxiliary, which holds monthly meetings, and has always been coöperative in meeting any problems that the local society may have. Its president for 1939 was Mrs. George K. Wever.

The San Joaquin County Medical Society has always been interested in the growth of the California Physicians' Service. We feel that lack of coverage from Fresno north in the Central Valley and from Alameda County north in the Coast Range area is our biggest problem. This, it is true, is not a local problem, but is a definite problem in Northern California. Without adequate contracts to offer employed groups, there can be very little progress in the development of this health service. This lack of an adequate state-wide contract for the Physicians' Service ties in very well with the proponents of compulsory health insurance, which we feel is one of the most pressing matters before organized medicine in the State of California today. We feel that something very drastic must be done to break the deadlock so that the northernmost county of the state and the southernmost county with all its intervening areas between be adequately covered. A further suggestion is that the policy of carrying to the members the thoughts and actions of the Council be carried to its fullest extent so that the California Medical Association through its component societies can be a truly democratic organization. It is true that the minutes of the Council meeting are published in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, but their minutes many times are mere skeletons of actions taken in the problems presented.

Respectfully submitted,
G. H. Rohrbacher, *Secretary*.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

F. W. Yocum, President
E. M. Bingham, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During 1939 the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society held eleven meetings, four of which were combined with the Woman's Auxiliary.

The August meeting was omitted, as it was a vacation month. All meetings were preceded by informal dinners.

Of thirty-one eligible physicians, twenty-nine were members of the Society in 1939.

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. Bingham, *Secretary*.

SAN MATEO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Carl D. Benninghoven, President
Robert F. Monteith, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Nine meetings were held during 1939. The vacation months are June, July, and August.

The San Mateo County Medical Society has eighty-six regular members and five associate members.

Special features of the meetings are dinners, to precede the meetings, and guest speakers following the dinners.

We have had no clinical conferences because of the proximity of our society to San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. Monteith, *Secretary*.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Henry J. Profant, President
D. H. McNamara, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Santa Barbara County Medical Society held eleven meetings during 1939. Ten of these were regular meetings held on the second Monday evening of each month, except July and August. The other was a special meeting called early in February in order for the membership to meet the officers of the State Association and the Councilor for this district. The principal business of this special session and of the business sessions for the remainder of the year was a discussion of the California Physicians' Service.

There are approximately 155 physicians in the county, and the membership of the Society last year was 113. Many of the physicians now residing in Santa Barbara County are retired and have made no attempt to maintain a membership in the County and State Associations. Of the active physicians of the county, less than ten are not members of the Society.

Only the annual meeting, held in January, is a dinner meeting. The other regular meetings are given over to visiting speakers, and the Society has been very fortunate in obtaining the services of very interesting speakers for these meetings. As a result of this good fortune the attendance at the meetings has been very good throughout the year.

In May of 1939 a clinical conference was held here, to which the members of the Ventura, San Luis Obispo, and Kern County members were invited. The attendance at this conference was very gratifying, and the two days spent here proved both enjoyable and profitable to those who attended.

During 1939 the publication of a monthly bulletin was begun. This bulletin has been well received by the members and seems to have stimulated interest in all the activities of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
D. H. McNamara, *Secretary*.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Merlin T.-R. Maynard, President
Leslie B. Magoon, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Local activities of the Santa Clara County Medical Society during 1939 have taken second place to matters of state-wide concern, such as the development of California Physicians' Service and the fight against the Chiropractic Initiative, and the pension plan, which were on the November ballot. California Physicians' Service and its objectives have had the whole-hearted support of the Society. The Society has for many years been intensely interested in the problem of budgeting the costs of medical care, and this concrete effort to solve the problem could not but be supported. Little need be said about campaigns during the last general election, except to say that the results speak of the effort that was spent.

Public relations of the Society have been smooth. There has been a real effort to avail ourselves of every legitimate opportunity to further public health education by personal contact with lay groups. There has been the usual coöperation with the Parent-Teacher Association in the pre-school round-up and with many charitable organizations by furnishing medical examiners for children going to summer camps and participating in other recreational projects.

We look forward to continuation and amplification of the Society's general program of public health education; of offering professional education by postgraduate courses,

and a high caliber of scientific programs; and of keeping on their present high plane professional and fraternal relationships of members within the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie B. Magoon, *Secretary*.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

A. F. Giberson, President
Samuel B. Randall, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The year 1939 was one of increased membership and successful activity for the Santa Cruz County Medical Society. Dr. J. T. Harrington of Santa Cruz served as president during the year.

All licensed physicians in the county who are in active practice are either members or are applicants for membership in the Society. On January 1, 1939, there were thirty-four active members, and on January 1, 1940, there were forty-one active members—a net increase in membership of seven.

Meetings are held monthly, except June, July, and August, on the first Tuesday. In 1939 no meeting was held in May, due to the concurrent meeting of the California Medical Association at nearby Del Monte. The Club Rio del Mar at Aptos, being approximately midway between Watsonville and Santa Cruz, is the permanent meeting place. Dinner is served at 7:30 p. m., following which the scientific and business meetings are held. It is the endeavor of those in charge of programs to vary the subjects in such a way that the various specialties are considered during the course of the year and thus interest the greatest number of members in the programs. A résumé of the programs for the year 1939 will illustrate.

January—Symposium on Dermatology, by Dr. H. C. L. Lindsay of Pasadena. (Illustrated.)

February—Skeletal Traction in Orthopedics, by Dr. Merrill Mensor of San Francisco. (Supplemented by x-ray films.)

March—Dr. C. Kelly Canelo, District Councilor of the California Medical Association and Vice-President of the California Physicians' Service, discussed at length problems of organized medicine and development of the California Physicians' Service.

April—Joint meeting with California Tuberculosis Association which was in annual session at Santa Cruz. Afternoon, chest clinic at Santa Cruz County Hospital; and evening, dinner meeting. At the latter, Dr. Clifford Mason of Arroyo Sanitarium spoke on the evolution and development of various types of tuberculous lesions in the chest.

September—Immediate Treatment of Surface Injuries, by Dr. Gerald O'Connor of San Francisco. (Illustrated.)

October—Rectal Diseases, by Dr. R. Scarborough of San Francisco.

November—Allergy in General Practice, by Dr. Samuel H. Hurwitz of San Francisco.

December—Diabetes Mellitus, by Dr. Earl O. G. Schmitt, San Jose.

During the course of the year several projects received the support of the Society. Members coöperated in the introduction into the county, of the Insurance Association of Approved Hospitals and approximately 75 per cent of the membership acquired hospital insurance policies. The membership furthered the interests of California Physicians' Service by becoming professional members 100 per cent. Active coöperation was rendered in making the annual convention of the California Tuberculosis Association at Santa Cruz a successful meeting. During the fall political campaign, the Society actively coöperated with the Public Health League in the dissemination of literature against Proposition No. 2, and purchased advertising space in Santa Cruz and Watsonville newspapers.

The Woman's Auxiliary and the Santa Cruz County Dental Society coöperated fully in this work. The defeat of Proposition No. 2 so decisively in Santa Cruz County was gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel B. Randall, *Secretary*.

SHASTA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Clarence C. Gerrard, President
Bertram L. Trelstad, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During 1939 the Shasta County Medical Society held nine regular monthly meetings at Redding. The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month; however, this is occasionally varied to suit our guest speakers. We do not hold meetings during the summer months.

The membership of the Society includes 67 per cent of the eligible members in Shasta and Trinity counties.

The usual meeting is called for 6:30 p. m., at which time dinner is served. This is followed by the business meeting and the program.

One very interesting and instructive clinical conference was held in December, in addition to the regular meeting. Doctors Cline and Cooley of San Francisco were the guest speakers. The members have expressed a desire for more of these conferences.

Our group of doctors is small. However, our meetings have been interesting. We have been fortunate in obtaining very good guest speakers from the larger cities. The speakers have usually been obtained from the list of possible guest speakers.

This community has experienced a boom in connection with the building of the Shasta Dam. A number of doctors have moved to this vicinity recently, and it is our desire to have them become active in our society during 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertram L. Trelstad, *Secretary*.

SISKIYOU COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Charles Plus, President
Victor W. Hart, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Siskiyou County Medical Society held six meetings during 1939. Unlike most county societies, we find the winter months most suitable for vacation months, no meetings being held in January and February.

During the past year the membership of our society has been eighteen, there being only three eligible nonmembers in the county.

Our meetings are usually followed by dinners. We usually have outside speakers, and often hold clinics.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor W. Hart, *Secretary*.

SOLANO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

H. Randall Madeley, President
John W. Green, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Organization for 1939.—Regular place of meeting: Casa de Vallejo Hotel, Vallejo.

January 10, 1939. Organization of a County Hospital staff was discussed. A committee was appointed, with the following members: Doctors Finan, Bransford, Stansbury, Park, Porter, and Jones, with Doctors Leachman and Green as ex-officio members. Venereal clinic conducted by Dr. Frank Brewer, County Health Director, was to open on Thursday evening.

January 12. At the Solano County Hospital a Tuberculosis Skin Testing Committee was appointed to carry on a case-finding survey.

February 8, 1939. A joint meeting of the Napa and Solano County Societies was held at Napa. Dr. Junius B. Harris reported on the recent legislative session. Dr. Alson R. Kilgore discussed the California Physicians' Service.

March 14, 1939. Newspaper advertising was first discussed. The Society declined to take a page "ad" in the local newspaper for \$120. The Women's Field Army for Cancer Control was given assistance by a committee, consisting of Doctors Milford Bransford, Thompson, and Mullaly. Doctors Madeley and Henry were admitted to membership. Councilor Henry Rogers of the California Medical Association pointed out the objectionable features of Governor Olson's compulsory health measure. Doctor Green discussed "Voluntary Health Insurance."

April 11, 1939. Mr. George Peacock of the Vallejo Merchant's Association presented the plan of the Association for financing medical and surgical care to patients who cared to make such arrangements. Doctor Brewer, Director of the County Health Commission and County Hospital, discussed admissions to the County Hospital.

May 9, 1939. The members of the Solano, Napa, and Sonoma County Medical Societies were entertained by the members of the staff of the Mare Island Naval Hospital with a buffet supper and a professional program. About eighty physicians of this district were present. Tropical diseases and a discussion of x-ray studies occupied the evening.

August 29, 1939. A motion was made, seconded and carried, to request the Board of Supervisors to provide a full-time resident physician for the County Hospital who was to direct all work being done by the existing voluntary staff in the County Hospital. The crippled children clinic of the State Board of Health, to be held in Fairfield, was endorsed by the Society. A report of all work done in the County Hospital by the Voluntary Staff was requested from the Secretary of the Society.

The Secretary reported \$191.25 in the treasury, with all bills paid.

Doctor Nesting of St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco was introduced by Doctor Jones.

December 12, 1939. Dr. Henry Rogers, Councilor for the California Medical Association, spoke on the California Physicians' Service and some matters discussed by the Council. Mr. Hearn of the Bank of America discussed bank installment credit loans.

Election of officers for 1940: H. Randall Madeley, president; Gordon Bunney, vice-president; John W. Green, secretary-treasurer; John W. Green, delegate; F. Burton Jones, alternate.

All committee reports were received and discussed. The treasury report showed a balance of \$212.15, with all bills paid. The Secretary was asked to poll the members of the Society by mail for volunteers for service on the County Hospital staff. "Well-Baby Clinic" was discussed. A case-finding program for the children with defective vision and hearing in district schools was presented by Doctor Green and received the approval of the Solano County Medical Society.

Points of Interest.

The Grievance Committee of the Society was in session once during the year, to settle a point of dispute between officials of Mare Island Navy Yard and members of the Solano County Medical Society.

Membership in 1938, thirty-one members; in 1939, thirty-one members; in March, 1940, thirty-four members.

Twenty-five physicians practicing in Solano County are members of the California Physicians' Service.

Preliminary steps toward organization of a Woman's Auxiliary were taken in 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Green, *Secretary.*

SONOMA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

S. Z. Peoples, President

T. E. Albers, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

There were thirteen meetings held during the year 1939, of which ten were regular monthly meetings, two were district meetings, and one a county meeting held in conjunction with the establishment of the California Physicians' Service. No meetings were held during the months of July and August, as these are the vacation periods.

We have sixty-two members in the County Society and about twenty eligible nonmembers of which eight will seek membership in the coming year.

At all our meetings we have dinner, followed by a scientific program and a regular business meeting. Clinical conferences are held at the Sonoma County Hospital. Practically all the visiting staff is composed of members of the County Society. Nonstaff members who are members of the Sonoma County Society are asked to attend.

We of this county, like all the associations in the state, are greatly concerned with the problem of socialized and state medicine, and are doing everything possible to promote the California Physicians' Service in this district.

We, in Santa Rosa, have a purely local problem which has been bothering us for several years—that of obtaining and maintaining adequate hospital facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. Albers, *Secretary.*

STANISLAUS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Richard D. Husband, President

Hoyt R. Gant, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The number of meetings held during the calendar year of 1939 was nine. Vacation months are July, August, and September. Membership is forty-eight. We have meetings in a local hotel each month, preceded by dinner. No clinical conferences were held during 1939. Interest in such conferences seems to be rather low. It is felt that nine different scientific papers a year at our regular meetings covers the whole field fairly well. There are no local problems of special interest.

Having passed a local resolution that prohibits the doing of lodge practice, I am interested in knowing, as secretary, whether refraining from such practice can and will be put on a state-wide basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Hoyt R. Gant, *Secretary.*

TEHAMA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

O. T. Wood, President

R. G. Frey, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Tehama County Medical Society had two special meetings last year.

The main subject for discussion was the County Hospital and its service to the people of Tehama County. The Society made several suggestions to the County Welfare Board and worked with them formulating a plan for both pay and indigent patients at the Hospital. It apparently will work satisfactorily.

The members of the Society also assisted the Sisters in the construction of the new hospital wing, and we now have in Red Bluff a modern and up-to-date hospital. Also, with the assistance and kindness of Senator D. Jack Metzger, the members of the Society assisted in certain legislative matters pertaining to the medical profession.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. Frey, *Secretary.*

TULARE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Ray E. Cronemiller, President
Forrest G. Powell, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Tulare County Medical Society held ten meetings during the year 1939. It is planned that a like number of meetings will be held during 1940. A tentative vacation over the July and August months will be submitted to the members for approval.

The directory, as published by the California Board of Medical Examiners, lists seventy-one physicians and surgeons in Tulare County. Exclusion of twenty-three inactive physicians and surgeons leaves forty-eight eligible members of the profession. There are thirty-five paid-up members for 1940. There are now three applications for membership on file. Two of these are for reinstatement.

Our meetings are usually characterized by a dinner, held before the business session, which is usually short. The program usually includes one to three visitors, and local members usually report interesting cases which are discussed by other members of the Society. The meetings are usually held the last Sunday of each month.

The question of clinical conferences has not been taken up with the members of the Society. However, it is on the program for consideration at one of our future meetings.

With regard to any special local problems, the Agricultural Workers' Health and Medical Association features of the migratory camp situation in Tulare County are probably foremost. The California Medical Association members, generally, do not know the type of situation we have here; but, briefly, it consists of clinic hours spent in the migratory camp by the members of the Tulare County Medical Society in rotation for periods of one month each. Practically, this program presents a very great benefit for this class of people, but unofficially the consensus of opinion is that this service is rather unsatisfactory—at least from the doctors' standpoint.

A second migratory camp is being proposed at this time. It is our understanding that the present arrangement for medical care of this group is temporary. A problem will possibly confront us in the future as to the more permanent disposal of these cases.

We, in Tulare County, have not yet entered into participation of the California Physicians' Service actively except for a few scattered cases that have been called to our attention. We still have frequent inquiries regarding methods of obtaining this type of medical protection from our various groups of patients but, to date, are unable to answer them satisfactorily.

All the members of the Tulare County Medical Society are very urgent in their request to your office that they be kept frequently informed as to the possibility of sale of such service to the various communities of Tulare County so that we may more effectively propagandize the California Physicians' Service.

A group of members from Tulare County attended the recent postgraduate conference held in Bakersfield, and all were enthusiastic of the benefits to be derived from such group meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. Powell, *Secretary*.

VENTURA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Harry E. Barker, President
A. A. Morrison, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

There was one special meeting and nine regular meetings held during 1939. The vacation months are June, July, and August.

Paid-up membership on December 31, 1938, totaled thirty-eight; on December 31, 1939, it totaled forty-seven. There are seven eligible nonmembers in the county; of these, two have not been in the county for the required six months; two others have their applications in for membership.

We have dinners preceding the meetings. We found this markedly increased the attendance.

We have not held any clinical conferences or postgraduate courses, but have attended the postgraduate courses given at Santa Barbara. Our membership is small, and we feel that it is more practical to hold these conferences in one of the larger cities of the district.

There has been a definite improvement in our relations with the general public. I feel this is due to our coöperation with the Public Health Advisory Committee, the work of the newly formed Woman's Auxiliary, and the fact that our members are beginning to address various county groups on medical topics.

It seems to me that education of the public is the prime need of organized medicine at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. Morrison, *Secretary*.

YOLO-COLUSA-GLENN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

C. F. Keith, President
W. J. Blevins, Jr., Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Medical Society includes three of the northern counties lying west of the Sacramento River and covers a territory of approximately 125 miles. The Society meets every three months, rotating through each component county, due chiefly to the great distance its members must travel to reach the meetings.

During 1939 nine new members were elected, bringing the total membership of the Society to thirty-eight.

The Society is bereaved over the loss of one of its most respected and kindly senior members, Dr. Charles Allen Poage of Colusa.

The Society was honored and pleased by the visit of Dr. Charles A. Dukes, President of the California Medical Association; Dr. George H. Kress, Secretary of the California Medical Association; Dr. Frederick N. Scatena, Councilor-at-Large; and Dr. Frank McDonald, District Councilor. Also present were Mr. Ross Marshall, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, and Dr. Dwight Wilbur of the Postgraduate Committee.

The activities of the Society have included chiefly the presentation of scientific papers by prominent visiting physicians.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Blevins, Jr., *Secretary*.

YUBA-SUTTER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Ben F. Miller, President
Leon M. Swift, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Nine regular meetings were held during 1939. The months omitted were May (because of coming at the same time as the California Medical Association convention), July, August, and September. During the summer vacation period, special luncheon meetings were held whenever urgent business warranted it.

The membership was eighteen. There are four other possible eligible nonmembers. These have been given invitations to our meetings, but have never attended.

During 1939 all regular meetings were preceded by a dinner, contrary to previous years when the meetings were followed by buffet luncheons.

The members of the Yuba-Sutter County Medical Society compose the attending staff of the Yuba County Hospital, working with the hospital resident physician, and under the supervision of a hospital relations committee, made up of three physicians of the medical society. Ward rounds are held each Friday morning at nine o'clock, at which time the resident physician presents the current cases. These are always fully examined and discussed by the attending men. We feel that these ward rounds are very helpful to all concerned. Members of our society also participate in the regular examinations of the school children of Yuba County, under the auspices of the Yuba-Sutter Bi-Counties Public Health Unit, as well as the well-baby clinics, of which Dr. Ellen S. Stadtmuller is chief of the Bureau of Child Hygiene, and supervised locally by Doctor Hennessy, the local health officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon M. Swift, *Secretary*.

VIII

ADDENDA

DONATIONS MADE BY CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO THE LANE MEDICAL LIBRARY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND THE BARLOW MEDICAL LIBRARY OF LOS ANGELES

Supplementary to comment in the report of the Council, concerning allocations made to medical libraries, the following letters from the librarians of the Lane and Barlow Libraries are printed:

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THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
CALIFORNIA

February 1, 1940.

Dr. Philip K. Gilman
2000 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Gilman:

I appreciated the opportunity of discussing with you the services rendered by the Lane Medical Library.

This library is the largest medical library west of Chicago and as a consequence renders library services to physicians and other medical libraries and hospitals through a wide area which includes not only California and the other western states, but also the western provinces of Canada and Hawaii.

In 1938-1939, the Lane Medical Library lent 14,292 volumes in the San Francisco area and made 1,118 loans outside of this area.

The use of the library is not restricted to our own faculty and students. It is probably true that more than 50 per cent of our readers are not connected with Stanford University.

The subscription list of current medical and related journals received by the Lane Medical Library is unusually large. All of these journals are bound for permanent reference.

Our ability to maintain this subscription list during recent years has been made possible by the generous annual contribution of the California State Medical Society. We could not carry the load from our own current revenues.

If our income should be curtailed, we would be compelled to balance our budget by discontinuing our subscriptions to the rarer journals which are probably not to be found in any library west of Chicago and to greatly

reduce our binding program and service outside of the San Francisco area.

We are deeply appreciative of the assistance which the California State Medical Society has given us in recent years. I earnestly hope that this may be continued.

May I recall to your mind my suggestion that since we give so much help to the medical profession in Washington and Oregon there may be a possibility that the medical societies in these two states might also consider making annual grants to the Lane Medical Library.

All gifts of this kind are used to strengthen our resources. The operating expenses of the library are entirely covered for by the University.

Thanking you for your active interest and coöperation, I am

Cordially yours,

NATHAN VAN PATTEN, *Director*.

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LIBRARY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Los Angeles, March 9, 1940.

George H. Kress, M. D., *Secretary*
California Medical Association
450 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Kress:

For a number of years the Barlow Medical Library has been receiving a most generous gift from the California Medical Association. We are happy, in this way, to acknowledge this gift, and to give some idea of the extent to which this money is a help to the Library and its patrons.

We serve not only the physicians of Los Angeles County, but also of the surrounding counties and many physicians of other southwestern states.

In the past year, there have been more than 16,500 visitors to the Library, including visitors from thirty other states and thirteen foreign countries, almost all of whom were interested not only in the Library, but in the journals and books from their various states and countries. The annual gift from the California Medical Association enables us to furnish this material, which we could otherwise not purchase.

We also serve medical, premedical, and other students from the universities, colleges, medical schools, junior colleges, and even high schools, chemists, and laboratory workers, in and around Los Angeles, and motion picture studios in helping to make their pictures on medical subjects accurate.

This makes it evident that this money is put to good use, serving not only the members of the Library, but all who are interested in medical sciences throughout the Southwest.

This gift is also a foundation for the purchase of books and material on the early history of California medicine, about which the doctors are showing great interest.

We again acknowledge most gratefully the annual gift received from the California Medical Association.

634 South Westlake Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
H. E. Schiffbauer, M.D., *Chairman*
George Dock, M.D., *Vice-Chairman*
J. Mackenzie Brown, M.D., *Secretary*
By (Mrs.) Mary E. Irish, *Librarian*